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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

REF: ANKARA 8400; ANKARA 8399

1. AMB. TURKEMN RECEIVED MEZVINSKY AND ROWE AT 5:00 P.M. ON NOV. 15. HE PRESENTED THE TURKISH COUNTER-PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN ANKARA 8399. TURKEMN COMMENTED THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE LIMITED TO THE REVISIONS WITHOUT ELABORATION OR BACKGROUND EXPLANATION. HE INDICATED THAT THE COUNTER PROPOSALS WERE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN STEP WITH HIS EARLIER REPORTING. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF POSSIBLE FURTHER REACTIONS PER ANKARA 8400, WHICH WE BROACHED INDIRECTLY AND DISCREETLY. WE AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH WHEN THERE WERE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. TURKMEN DID NOT SEE ANY PURPOSE IN OUR MEETING WITH VEDAT CELIK AT THIS TIME.

2. WE NEXT MET WITH CYPRUS MISSION COUNSELOR MICHAEL SERIFUS WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT WITH FM CHRISTOPHIDES ON
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EARLIER VISITS. WE PRESENTED IN GENERAL TERMS THE THREE MOST SIGNIFICANT TROUBLE AREAS -- DECISION-MAKING; FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, AND EXHUMATION. SERIFUS DID NOT BELIEVE THE CYPRUS NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIVES WOULD ACCEPT EASILY, EVEN IF FM CHRISTOPHIDES WERE SO DISPOSED, DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS PROCEDURE EXCLUSIVELY. HE SAID TURKISH SIDE DOES NOT WANT TO

RELINQUISH ITS RIGHT TO VETO IN THE COMMITTEE AND THIS IS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT MAJORITY VOTING PROCEDURE. MEZVINSKY COUNTERED THAT TURK/CYPRIOTS COULD STILL THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS EXERCISE THE EQUIVALENT OF A VETO. SERIFIS TOOK THE POINT BUT MAINTAINED THE VIEW THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD PROCEDURALLY MAKE NO HEADWAY WITHOUT MAJORITY DECISION-MAKING.

3. WE UNDERLINED THAT NO OPTIONS WERE EXCLUDED AT THIS STAGE. WE WANTED TO ALERT HIM TO POSSIBLE AREAS WHERE FURTHER EFFORTS MIGHT BE REQUIRED ON THE WORKING PAPER. WE AGREED TO MEET NOV. 16 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF OUR LATEST EFFORTS.

4. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE GREEK/CYPRIOTS MAY PREFER PURSUING THE THIRD COMMITTEE ALTERNATIVE TO ACCEPTING A MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE WHERE THE TURKS HAVE THE VETO POWER OVER DECISIONS. WE CAN NONETHELESS EXPLORE FURTHER THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MENTIONED EARLIER IN TERMS OF BOLSTERING THE CONSENSUS FORMULA: A MINUTE OF UNDERSTANDING IN WHICH BOTH SIDES WOULD COMMIT THEMSELVES TO GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO COOPERATE IN REACHING CONSENSUS DECISION: A THIRD-MEMBER WITHOUT VOTE, WHO WOULD ATTEND ALL MEETINGS, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS AND ISSUE REGULAR REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC; A FOURTH MEMBER WHO COULD SERVE AS CONCILIATOR WHEN CONSENSUS CANNOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BE REACHED. ANY OF THE ABOVE MIGHT TAKE ON MORE APPEAL TO THE GREEK SIDE IF THE LATTER WERE TO HAVE THEIR VIEW PREVAIL ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND RIGHT TO EXHUME IN RARE CASES. WE WOULD LIKE TO EVALUATE WHERE WE ARE NOW AND HOW TO PROCEED AFTER DEPARTMENT HAS CHANCE TO REVIEW CURRENT STATE OF PLAY AND AFTER WE LEARN WHETHR THE TURKS MAY BE REVISING THEIR SUGGESTED PARA 2.
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